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Final 2012 Wheat and Barley Estimates

USDA has released final production estimates for the 2012 small grain crop. Above average yields were recorded for both wheat and barley in Maryland and Delaware. Farmers reported adequate soil moisture throughout the small grain growing season. Dry weather set in during harvest enabling farmers to complete harvest by the middle of July and ahead of the five year average. The majority of the barley and wheat crop was rated between good and excellent throughout the crop year.

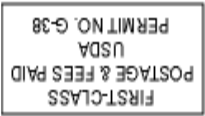
Maryland: Maryland farmers planted 310,000 acres of **wheat** this year, the highest planting since the 1942 planted acreage of 323,000 acres, leaving 210,000 acres harvested for grain with an average yield of 68 bushels per acre of wheat, up 2 bushels from last year. This resulted in a total wheat production of 14.3 million bushels, 14 percent above the 12.5 million bushels produced last year. Producers planted 60,000 acres of **barley** and harvested 40,000 acres for grain. Yield for barley was 2 bushels above last year, at 82 bushels per acre. Total barley production is estimated at 3.28 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2.88 million bushels produced in 2011.

Delaware: Delaware farmers planted 85,000 acres of **wheat** this year, up 5,000 acres from last year. Wheat was harvested from 80,000 acres with an average yield of 74 bushels per acre. As a result, 5.92 million bushels of wheat was produced in Delaware this year, up 14 percent from the 5.18 million bushels produced in 2011. Delaware producers planted 38,000 acres of **barley** this year, the highest planting since the 1995 planted acreage of 40,000 acres, leaving 34,000 acres harvested for grain with an average yield of 84 bushels, 4 bushels lower than last year. Resulting in a total production of 2.86 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2.82 million bushels harvested in 2011.

United States: All **wheat** production totaled 2.27 billion bushels in 2012, up 13 percent from 2011. Grain area totaled 49.0 million acres, up 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is 46.3 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from the previous year and matches the record high from 2010. The levels of production and changes from 2011 by type are winter wheat, 1.65 billion bushels, up 10 percent; other spring wheat, 542 million bushels, up 19 percent, and Durum wheat, 82.0 million bushels, up 62 percent.

Barley production is estimated at 220 million bushels, up 41 percent from 2011. Average yield per acre, at 67.9 bushels, is down 1.7 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.64 million acres in 2012, up 42 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.24 million acres, is up 45 percent from 2011. These represent the first increases in seeded and harvested area since 2008.

		Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
Commodity	Unit	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Maryland		-----1,000 Acres -----						-----1,000-----	
Corn	AC	500	490	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	430	425	109	115	46,870	48,875
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	13	----	780	----
Soybeans	BU	470	480	465	475	38.5	42	17,903	19,950
Wheat, Winter	BU	260	310	190	210	66	68	12,540	14,280
Barley	BU	50	60	36	40	80	82	2,880	3,280
Delaware									
Corn	AC	190	195	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	182	187	130	115	23,660	21,505
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	14	----	84	----
Soybeans	BU	170	180	168	178	39	37	6,552	6,586
Wheat, Winter	BU	80	85	75	80	69	74	5,175	5,920
Barley	BU	35	38	32	34	88	84	2,816	2,856
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Corn	AC	91,921	96,405	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	83,981	87,361	147.2	122.8	12,358	10,727
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5,928	----	18.4	----	109	----
Soybeans	BU	74,976	76,080	73,636	74,635	41.5	35.3	3,056	2,634
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,646	41,324	32,314	34,834	46.2	47.2	1,494	1,645
Barley	BU	2,559	3,637	2,239	3,244	69.6	67.9	156	220
All Hay	TON	----	----	55,633	57,574	2.36	2.08	131	120
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	19,213	18,812	3.40	2.92	65	55
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	36,420	38,762	1.81	1.69	66	65
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9.4	8.1
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.07	1.02
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	48.2	48.4	46.0	47.5	279	289	13.0	16.3



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